

Yesterday, Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Greg Walden spoke before a gathering of Oregon's public broadcasting community as they met to take a look at the current media landscape and the future of public broadcasting in Oregon. Blumenauer is the founder and chair of the [Congressional Public Broadcasting Caucus](#) and a [tireless advocate for federal support for public broadcasting](#). Walden is the current Chair of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee and was himself a commercial broadcaster for several years. While not shying away from the challenges and controversies faced at the national level, broadcasters and stakeholders from across the state discussed the need to continue capitalizing on changing technology and demographics of media and media distribution, as well as ways to improve efficiencies and collaboration across the state.

"Public media is at a crossroads," Blumenauer commented to those in attendance. "However, I am confident with the innovative leadership and the broad base of support you have now, public broadcasting will emerge from these controversies stronger and more resilient than ever before."



